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SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: NYERERE'S VIEWS

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1. AT END OF DISCESSION ON RHODESIA FEBRUARY 27 (SEPTTEL),
PRESIDENT NYERERE RAISED SUBJECT OF SITUATION IN THE HORN. HE
SAID HE THOUGHT WE WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT; SOMALIS MUST VACATE
THEIR AGGRESSION IN THE OGADEN; ETHIOPIANS MUST NOT INVADE
SOMALIA. ESCALATION AND GREAT POWER INTERVENTION MUST BE
AVOIDED.

2. SOMETIMES WHEN HE LISTENED TO WHAT PEOPLE WERE SAYING IN
WASHINGTON, NYERERE ADDED, HE WASN'T SURE WHAT US HAD IN
MIND, BUT, ON THIS SUBJECT, EVEN WHEN WE MADE SOUNDS HE DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND, HE THOUGHT HE UNDERSTOOD. HE WANTED MAKE CLEAR
THAT ONCE SOMALIS WERE OUT, TANZANIA WILL BE OPPOSED TO
ETHIOPIANS' GOING ANY FURTHER. HE DIDN'T THINK MENGISTU HAD
ANY INTENTIONS OF SO DOING; NOR DID RUSSIANS AND CUBANS. IF THEY
DID, HE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN GOING TO RUSSIANS, CUBANS, OR
ETHIOPIANS AND TELLING THEM TANZANIA WAS MOST STRONGLY OPPOSED.
IN RESPONSE TO PROBE, NYERERE SHOWED NO WILLINGNESS TO PASS

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ON HIS VIEWS TO PARTIES CONCERNED IN ADVANCE, BUT REITERATED
THAT TANZANIA WOULD BE AS UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO VIOLATION
SOMALI INTERNATIONAL BORDER AS IT WAS TO ETHIOPIA'S.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE COINCIDES WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED FEBRUARY
25 BY FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA. WHILE NYERERE'S VOLUNTARY STATE-
MENT OF OPPOSITION TO ETHIOPIAN, SOVIET, CUBAN EXPANSIONISM IS

SATISFYING, WE HERE SEE NO READY WAY TO MAKE CAPITAL OUT OF IT.
HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO BEAR IT IN MIND FOR FUTURE
UTILIZATION.
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